

REMARKS

Prior to further examination, in further consideration of the Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, and supplemental to the Amendment and Reply filed September 23, 2004, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments made in this Submission. In view of the request to enter the amendments and remarks made in the Amendment and Reply filed on September 23, 2004, those amendments and remarks are not repeated herein.

Claims 18-28 were pending in the application. Claim 25 has been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 18-28 are pending in the application and are submitted for consideration.

This Submission changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding the application, or if an examiner's amendment would facilitate the allowance of one or more of the claims, the examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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